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## Claim Listing:

1-24. (Cancelled)

(Currently amended) A method for modulating the immunostimulatory effect of an
immunostimulatory oligonucleotide compound, comprising introducing into the
oligonucleotide a 1',2'-dideoxyribose, C3-linker, Spacer 9, Spacer 18, 2-aminobutyl-1,3propanediol linker, β-L-deoxynucleoside, 2'-O-propargyl-ribonucleoside, 3'deoxynucleoside, or 2'-5' linkage.

## 26-38. (Cancelled)

- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 1',2'-dideoxyribose.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a C3-linker.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a Spacer 9.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a Spacer 18.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a β-L-deoxynucleoside.
- (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2<sup>\*</sup>-O-propargyl-ribonucleoside.

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 (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 3'-deoxynucleoside.

 (New) The method according to claim 1, comprising introducing into the oligonucleotide a 2'-5' linkage.